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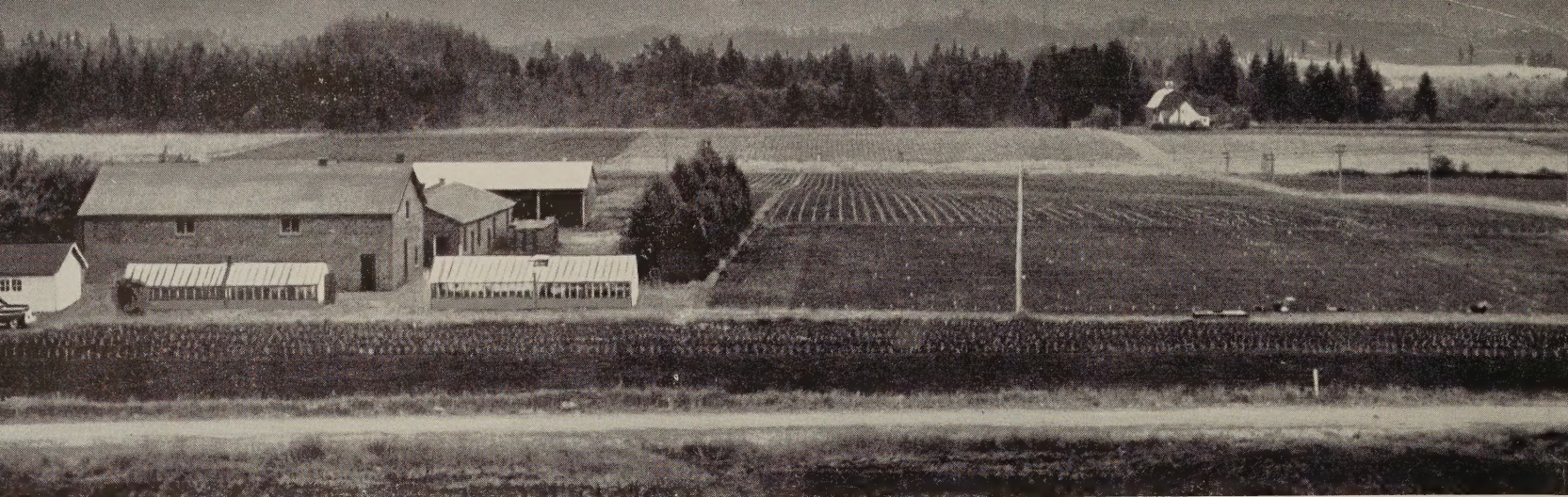
WHOLESALE  
*Catalog*

*Compton's* DAHLIA FARM  
BORING, OREGON

DAHLIA GROWERS EXCLUSIVELY SINCE 1925

TUBERS FOR 1952 DELIVERY





A GENERAL VIEW OF OUR FARM

### ***To Our Customers:***

To insure your satisfaction and that of your customers we take pride in selecting only choice tubers for your order. Each tuber is individually inspected just prior to shipping and is carefully packed to insure satisfactory delivery.

### **GUARANTEE**

We guarantee our dahlia tubers to be true to name and of highest quality. If stock is not completely satisfactory when received, return same at once and your money will be promptly refunded. We want you to be completely satisfied and if for some reason you do have a complaint please advise us within 10 days of receipt of shipment.

### **OUR FARM**

We are located 20 miles southeast of Portland on Mt. Hood highway No. 50. Visitors are always welcome to inspect our plantings and handling facilities. Blooming time from mid-August to late October.

### **STORAGE**

Our dahlia clumps are washed clean and separated at digging time. Ventilated storage is held a near constant 50 degrees F. Fungicides are used to control damaging molds.

### **CULTURE**

Culture varies with locality but a few things are constant in all areas. Plant dahlia tubers about 5 inches deep and horizontal in area of near full sunlight. Water heavily at planting time and thereafter as needed for optimum growth. Pinching the top terminal shoot from dahlia plant after four sets of leaves have developed will cause branching and development of more and better quality blooms without staking.

### **WHEN ORDER ARRIVES**

If freezing weather prevails along the shipping route it is a good idea to check your shipment at once for frost damage. If damage is evident contact your carrier agency at once and advise us of their decision. Present your invoice and carrier bill of lading to them for any claims. We ship by insured carriers and any claims for damage en route must be submitted to them. Store your dahlias in a cool dry place that has good ventilation. It is important to keep the tubers stored in their shipping medium or similar material to eliminate shriveling. When displaying the tubers for sale, display only a moderate number and keep the main supply covered. Do not display dahlias in sunlight or near a heating unit.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE**

Prices are all F.O.B. Portland, Oregon. New accounts please send cash with order. Net thirty days. No charge for packing materials or shipping containers. We ship via Express or Auto Freight unless otherwise instructed. If delivery by parcel post is desired please include sufficient postage with your remittance. Excess postage will be refunded.

COMPTON'S DAHLIA FARM

*Willard F. Compton*



# *Dahlia Types*



Cactus—YELLOW SPECIAL



Informal Decorative—CLARIAN KELTON



Formal Decorative—SELLWOOD GLORY



Incurved Cactus—BERGER'S MASTERPIECE



# Large Decorative Dahlias

**FD—FORMAL DECORATIVE**—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with flat petals, often rounded at the tips, and regular in arrangement.

**ID—INFORMAL DECORATIVE**—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with long twisted petals, and often irregular in arrangement.

The large decorative type dahlias are the most popular and are available in most every color and blend but blue and a true black. Sizes under this heading range from six to 14 inches in diameter.

VARIETY	Ea. in lots of	
	25	100
<b>Adirondak Sunset</b> (ID) 8 in. blooms of rust orange with gold reverse. Blooms exceptionally deep and full. Twisting petals give a beautiful bicolor effect.....	.22	.18
<b>Aglow</b> (ID) 10 in. warm amber heavily suffused with scarlet on the center of each petal. Open growth with long strong stems.....	.35	.30
<b>Alice May</b> (ID) 10 in. giant pure white. Medium height with ideal stems and foliage. A consistent show winner.....	.25	.21
<b>Avalon</b> (FD) 8 inch canary yellow on strong stems—foliage very dark and vigorous. Early and profuse....	.22	.18
<b>Azura</b> (ID) 12 in. blooms of clear lilac. A huge and vigorous show type.....	.22	.18
<b>Bellegos Glory</b> (FD) 8 in. blooms of deep mahogany, each petal tipped gold. Extremely popular and an ideal cutflower. Excellent keeper.....	.30	.25
<b>Bobby Dean</b> (FD) 6 in. deep apricot sport of famous Jersey Beauty. A very handsome cutflower for basket work.....	.25	.21
<b>California Idol</b> (ID) 10 in. medium yellow giant on fine stem. An old favorite and always in demand....	.25	.21
<b>Century of Progress</b> (FD) 10 in. clear elks purple. Medium bush growth with good stem. An extremely rich color.....	.22	.18
<b>Chas. L. Mastick</b> (FD) 10 in. compact blooms of bronze to orange. Blooms are very deep and solid often appearing near ball shape.....	.18	.16
<b>Cinnamon Beauty</b> (ID) 10 in. giant of exceptional merit. Color is a rich shade of cinnamon that is very striking and unusual.....	.35	.30
<b>Claire Fleetwood</b> (ID) 8 in. soft orchid pink. Vigorous and heavy bloomer.....	.25	.21
<b>Clara Carder</b> (ID) 12 in. giant cyclamen pink. Shaggy bloomer, is produced in profusion on medium to low bush.....	.22	.18
<b>Clariam Kelton</b> (ID) 10 in. flame red blended with yellow and with yellow reverse. A 1945 introduction, it is still among the very choice.....	.30	.25

**NOTICE:** Ten Tubers of a variety at the 25 rate, 50 at the 100 rate. Write for larger quantity prices.

VARIETY	Ea. in lots of	
	25	100
<b>Croydon Chief</b> (ID) 12 in. blooms of deep rose pink held facing on canelike stems. Exceptional foliage and an ideal exhibition type.....	.35	.30
<b>Croydon Glory</b> (ID) 12 in. lemon yellow giant. Disbudding not necessary for perfect huge blooms. Foliage rich and dark in color.....	.22	.18
<b>D'arcy Sainsbury</b> (FD) 10 in. pure white blooms. Bush is rather low with blooms well supported on sturdy stems. An old favorite.....	.25	.21
<b>Deep Velvet</b> (FD) 10 in. deep velvet red to near black at the center. Exceptionally vigorous. Winner Derrill Hart Award.....	.35	.30
<b>Eleanor Francis</b> (ID) 10 in compact blooms of blood red. Exceptionally good keeper. Good stem and dark foliage.....	.22	.18
<b>El Rubio</b> (ID) 10 in ruby red giant. Shaggy blooms supported on canelike stem add to the popularity of this exhibitor.....	.35	.30
<b>Five Star General</b> (FD) 10 in. very light amaranth pink edged soft canary yellow. Excellent show type. Winner Derrill Hart award.....	.40	.35
<b>Goldfazen</b> (FD) 5 in. formal that borders on the ball type. Color is deep rust red with gold spatter. Bright and very striking.....	.25	.21
<b>Hunts Velvet Wonder</b> (ID) 10 in. deep purple. Very handsome for exhibition or garden show.....	.25	.21
<b>Julia Mack</b> (ID) 10 in. orange with yellow and deep contrasting mahogany shades.....	.22	.18
<b>King George</b> (FD) 12 in. soft orange with cream reverse. Petals are very broad and curl at tips offering a two-color effect.....	.25	.21
<b>Lois Walcher</b> (FD) 8 in. true bicolor of rich pansy purple heavily tipped with white. Naturally a low grower and heavy producer. A favorite.....	.25	.21
<b>Marshall's Pink</b> (FD) 8 in. soft mallow pink cutflower. Long stiff stems make this dahlia ideal for basket work. Color is quite different.....	.22	.18
<b>Mayfair</b> (ID) 10 in. deep red shaggy blooms on fine stem and bush. This dahlia turns semi-cactus late in the season.....	.22	.18



# VARIETY

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25 100

<b>Mayor Otis</b> (ID) 12 in. giant blooms of copper and bronze. Massive blooms and bush characteristics. A fine keeper in spite of its size.....	.22	.18
<b>Mother Koenig</b> (ID) 10 in. blooms of shrimp pink blending to yellow at the center. An early bloomer and a sensation at the shows.....	.35	.30
<b>Mrs. Geo. LeBoutillier</b> (ID) 12 in. giant low growing red that is the favorite of many. Very vigorous and a heavy producer .....	.18	.14
<b>Mrs. Wm. Knudsen</b> (FD) 8 in. pure white blooms on canelike stems that give it first rate popularity as a wedding decorator .....	.25	.21
<b>Royal Pennant</b> (ID) 8 in. rich royal purple. Medium to tall grower, this dahlia is very popular for its rich rare coloring .....	.25	.21
<b>Salbach's White</b> (FD) 8 in florists' favorite. This clear white, long stemmed cutter is ideal for basket and makeup work. Faces well.....	.25	.21
<b>Santa Clause</b> (ID) 8 in. two-tone clear orange and white. This dahlia is quite a tall grower and for best results should be topped.....	.25	.21

**Sellwood Glory** (FD) 8 in. blooms that are very different in color from any dahlia yet introduced. Color is wine to purple with speckles and blotches of white suffusing to a white tip. Reverse of petal has a definite silver sheen. Sport of the popular Bellegos Glory. This dahlia has been awarded practically all honors available during its testing in 1949. For the fancier that wants something very new and different this dahlia is ideal.....1.00 NET

<b>Sydney</b> (ID) 12 in. rose pink shaded salmon with slight gold shading at the base of the petals. This is one of the finest New Zealand introductions and has many fine characteristics.....	.30	.25
<b>Thomas Edison</b> (FD) 8 in. impressive blooms of stag-horn formation. Color is royal purple with a definite sheen overall. An old favorite.....	.25	.21
<b>Top Flight</b> (ID) 10 in. stately bright red with outstanding bush and stem. Heavy foliage and exceptional vigor .....	.25	.21
<b>White Abundance</b> (FD) 12 in. pure white blooms produced on vigorous bush. Stems are ideal and hold the giant blooms well.....	.25	.21
<b>Wind Lassie</b> (ID) 10 in. white that is unexcelled. We feel that this dahlia is as near perfection as any dahlia that we have ever grown. Blooms are huge and yet waxlike and firm so that they keep as well as most of the smaller cutflower types. Each petal tip is twisted and the entire bloom is covered with a sheen that makes the flower glisten. Foliage and stem are perfection and each bloom develops into a specimen without any special care.....	.50	.45

# Cactus Dahlias

## VARIETY

Ea. in lots of  
25 100

<b>Andries Orange</b> (C) 4 in. clear orange that is excellent for floral work. Very dainty and an outstanding keeper .....	.22	.18
<b>Aristos</b> (IC) 10 in. bicolor of rich violet red with twisting incurved petals that are tipped pure white. One of the showiest of all.....	.35 net	
<b>Ballay Rouge</b> (IC) 10 in. blooms of richest red. Flower is very full and regular for a cactus of its size. Bush medium to tall.....	.60	.55
<b>Berger's Masterpiece</b> (IC) 8 in. smoky pink with a slight brownish hue to the center. A truly magnificent dahlia and very popular.....	.30	.25
<b>Comtesse</b> (C) 5 in. rose pink outflower. A natural heavy producer that produces heavily throughout season. Wirelike stems.....	.22	.18
<b>Emma Walker</b> (SC) 10 in. lush honey-yellow blooms on massive bush. Bloom is ruffled and petal tips have uneven plum markings.....	.25	.21
<b>Faithful</b> (SC) 10 in. One of the largest and finest semi-cactus whites grown. Foliage is exceptionally vigorous and lush.....	.30	.25
<b>Figaro</b> (SC) 10 in. golden yellow flecked and penciled red. Flowers are very large and the bush is quite low. Sport of Satan.....	.25	.21
<b>Frau O'Bracht</b> (C) 10 in. sulphur yellow cactus on fine stem. Large blooms without special attention are common .....	.30	.25
<b>Governor Heil</b> (IC) 10 in. orange rose with deeper shades to center.....	.25	.21
<b>Greater Glory</b> (C) 8 in. lavender pink with white to center. Petal arrangement is very ruffled.....	.25	.21
<b>Jane Lausche</b> (SC) 12 in. semi-cactus. Color is rosy mauve with outer one-third of each petal tipped white. Holder of many largest and perfect bloom awards .....	.30	.25
<b>Jean Trimbee</b> (SC) 10 in. rich violet purple. Quite shaggy in appearance and very early to bloom.....	.30	.25
<b>Jersey Dainty</b> (C) 8 in. pure white cactus. This is one of the older varieties that is staying among the leaders in popularity.....	.25	.21
<b>Lombaerts Violet</b> (C) 4 in. rich violet cut flower. A natural low grower that produces heavily from early in the season.....	.30	.25
<b>Louise</b> (IC) 10 in. shaggy cactus of clear lilac with white. Massive bush of medium height. A handsome garden variety.....	.30	.25



VARIETY	Ea. in lots of	
	25	100
<b>Mary Taylor</b> (C) 8 in. taffy yellow suffused phlox pink. Open grower with ideal stems for cutting.....	.30	.25
<b>Market Glory</b> (C) 5 in. deep rose pink on wirelike stems. A very nice keeper and an ideal little cut-flower .....	.22	.18
<b>Market Jewel</b> (C) 4 in. rich velvet red. Blooms are very full and keep exceptionally well when cut. Strong sturdy stem.....	.25	.21
<b>Miss Glory</b> (IC) 10 in. lush lemon yellow cactus. Bush is medium to tall and produces many blooms on strong stems well out of the foliage.....	.25	.21
<b>Mme. Juissant</b> (C) 8 in. bishop's violet cactus with slight tint of silver throughout. A very handsome cutflower .....	.25	.21
<b>Mother Ballego</b> (C) 8 in. One of the most striking recent introductions from Holland. Color is a rich scarlet. Medium to low grower.....	.40	.35
<b>Mrs. E. J.</b> (C) 6 in. Another florists' gem. The delicate soft pink and the lacy appearance make it a jewel for decorating .....	.35	.30
<b>Mustang</b> (C) 10 in. bright pink cactus from Australia. A very healthy grower with rich green foliage. Blooms are held erect on cane-like stems. Blooms early and profusely.....	.25	.21
<b>Nancy Ann Mitchell</b> (IC) 8 in. currant red. Blooms are produced freely on a three-foot well branched bush. Ideal stems .....	.35	.30
<b>Paul Pfitzer</b> (C) 8 in. delicate lilac turning pure white to the center. Exceptional stem and a fine facer for exhibition use.....	.30	.25
<b>Pink Gem</b> (SC) 4 in. A dainty pastel pink cactus that is ideal for cutting. Heavy foliage is very lacy and lends an artistic touch.....	.25	.21
<b>Sheik</b> (C) 6 in. A rich lilac rose cactus that is naturally a low grower. Center of bloom is quite pastel.....	.25	.21
<b>St. Therese</b> (C) 5 in. pink to white spike cactus. An outstanding cut type and among the very finest to come from Holland.....	.35	.30
<b>Taiyo</b> (IC) 8 in. A striking bicolor of deepest oxblood red to black with tips and some entire petals being white. Very different.....	.25	.21
<b>Tip</b> (C) 4 in. lemon yellow cutflower of unusual merit. Bush is medium to low producing heavily from early in the season. Growth is very open and we consider it the best keeper of any when cut.....	.25	.21
<b>Thistledown</b> (IC) 6 in. pure white cactus with a blend to ivory at the center. Delicate in all ways with very lacy foliage .....	.30	.25
<b>Yellow Spiral</b> (IC) 8 in. deep yellow with artistically twisted petal arrangement. Blooms held facing well above rich foliage.....	.30	.25
<b>Yellow Special</b> (C) 6 in. primrose yellow of fine cut-flower quality. Bush is medium with an excellent stem. Blooms held erect.....	.25	.21

## Miniature, Ball and Waterlily

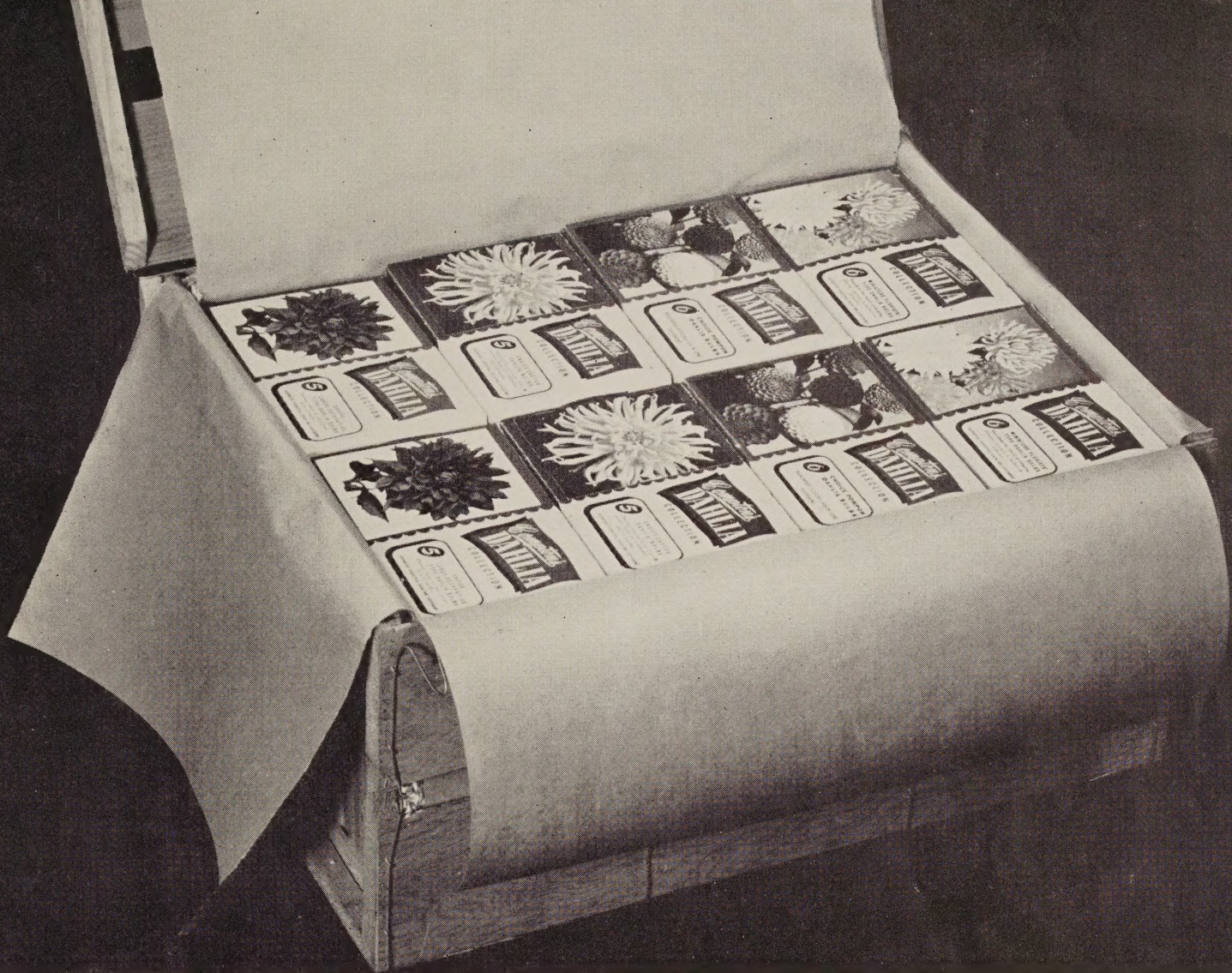
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VARIETY	Ea. in lots of	
	25	100
<b>Baby Fonteneau</b> (FD) 3 in. delicate rose cutflower. Very profuse and in demand for dainty arrangements. Bush 3 ft.....	.22	.18
<b>Fairy</b> (ID) 3 in. lavender pink on open bush growth. Bush 3 ft.....	.22	.18
<b>Gerrie Hoeck</b> "Waterlily" 4 in. rich pink to the center becoming very pastel to the outer edges. Coloring is exceptionally delicate and in demand for fine arrangements .....	.30	.25
<b>Helly Boudewijn</b> "Waterlily" 4 in. satin white. Stems are ideal on a fine medium to tall bush.....	.25	.21
<b>Little Red Bird</b> "Ball" Bright scarlet red.....	.22	.18
<b>Queen of the Yellows</b> "Ball" Vivid yellow that is very showy in the garden. Blooms very early and is very prolific .....	.18	.14
<b>Tippy</b> "Ball" Stately honey yellow tipped bronze with deeper center. Very open growth with ideal stems for cutting. Fine keeper.....	.18	.14
<b>Waite's Min. Jersey Beauty</b> (FD) 4 in. rose pink. Very profuse. Handy bush growth with nice stems.....	.18	.14

## Pompon Dahlias

<b>Amber Queen</b> Sturdy compact bush growth producing abundantly from early in the season. Color is amber and deep gold.....	.15	.13
<b>Arthur Kerley</b> Deep ruby red on wirelike stem. Handsome deep green foliage. A very nice cutflower.....	.15	.13
<b>Beccasine</b> Soft pink in color with just a tint of yellow at the base. Bush is very open and massive.....	.15	.13
<b>Bantam</b> A very fine scarlet pompon produced on exceptionally heavy bush.....	.15	.13
<b>Betty Ann</b> Clear rich pink. Small wirelike stems. Fine for cutting .....	.15	.13
<b>Doria</b> Deep smoky maroon. Bush growth quite low but with fine stem.....	.15	.13
<b>Hedwig Polwig</b> Crimson with uneven white markings .....	.15	.13
<b>Honey</b> Rich honey yellow blooms on medium bush.....	.15	.13
<b>Joe Fette</b> The best pure white. An old reliable variety .....	.15	.13
<b>Libby Rohr</b> Reddish purple blooms on exceptionally heavy bush .....	.15	.13
<b>Little David</b> Small soft orange.....	.15	.13
<b>Little Mabel</b> Delicate rose to yellow at base. Fine stems .....	.15	.13
<b>Mary Munns</b> A very handsome rich lavender on massive bush. Early.....	.15	.13
<b>Morning Mist</b> Rather large white with orchid blush....	.15	.13
<b>Patricia K.</b> Very pastel pink.....	.15	.13
<b>Regent</b> Small compact blooms. Very stiff stems on sturdy plant. The color is unusual. Medium purple with silver sheen.....	.18	.16
<b>Sherry</b> A very rich sherry wine pom on low bush. Very profuse .....	.15	.13
<b>Tip Top</b> A raspberry red pom on low bush.....	.15	.13
<b>Yellow Gem</b> The best yellow pom we know of. Bush, stem and flower are ideal for a pompon.....	.15	.13





## *Dahlia Collections*

**ALL GUARANTEED**

For three seasons we have offered dahlias in three types in pre-pak collections. The response has been excellent to the extent that we are adding a fourth collection to the group for 1952. Now you can offer all four types in packaged collections—Large Decorative, Miniature Cutflower, Pompon, plus the striking Cactus varieties.

Cartons are finished in three handsome colors and a natural color representation is on each to indicate type. Cartons are packed with dry peat and sawdust to insure keeping.

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Cultural guides included in each collection.

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### **LARGE DECORATIVE COLLECTION**

5 tubers—all large.  
Pink, White, Lavender, Red, and Bronze or Yellow.

### **POMPON COLLECTION**

6 tubers  
Assorted colors, each one different.

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6 tubers—Waterlily, Ball and Miniature.  
Separate colors, distinct and different.

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5 tubers  
5 varieties, each one different.





POMPON DAHLIA AMBER QUEEN

## *Pompon Collections*

The compact little pompons are ideal for decoration arrangements in the home and are very popular for this purpose.

They are available in a wide color range and make a handsome floral addition for backgrounds and borders.

### **BULK COLLECTION**

**15 Tubers Each of 5 Varieties  
All Labeled**

**Our Selection of Varieties**

**75 TUBERS PER COLLECTION**

for  
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15 each of 5 varieties of large decorative type dahlias. Each variety labeled and packed in peat and sawdust to insure protection. Red, Pink, White, Lavender and Bronze or Yellow. All are standard listed varieties.

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